

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application 2003/0001890 of *Brin* ("*Brin*").

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by *Brin* because *Brin* does not disclose first and second sets of sensing and rendering components that cover the physical movements of multiple individuals present in respective first and second environments as claimed in amended claim 1. Instead, *Brin* discloses a user terminal 100 that includes a keyboard and mouse for interacting with a single user present at the user terminal 100. (*Brin*, Fig. 1 and paragraph 0005). It is submitted that a user terminal 100 as taught by *Brin* is not capable of covering the physical movements of multiple individuals in an environment as claimed in amended claim 1. Applicant submits that the world view 700 disclosed in *Brin* is a window rendered on a display device (*Brin*, paragraph 0082, lines 1-5, paragraph 120, lines 12-16) and that the elements 320 in the world view 700 of *Brin* are not physical movements of individuals present in an environment as claimed in amended claim 1. Instead, the elements 320 of *Brin* are a software emulation of conversation characteristics of individual users of the user terminals 100. (*Brin*, paragraph 0083, lines 1-2, and paragraphs 0084 and 0087).

In addition, it is submitted that amended claims 22 and 34 are not anticipated by *Brin*. Amended claims 22 and 34 include limitations similar to the limitations of amended claim 1. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to amended claim 1 also apply to amended claims 22 and 34.

Given that claims 2-21, 23-33, and 35-45 depend from amended claims 1, 22, and 34, respectively, it follows that claims 2-21, 23-33, and 35-45 are not anticipated by *Brin*.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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